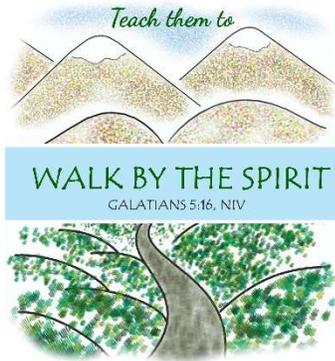


CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:



Teach Them to Walk by the Spirit

We have been taught to walk by the Spirit. This is not some warm fuzzy feeling that guides our lives. It is the Word of God given by the Holy Spirit that changes our ability to see and changes how we walk through this life. That Word is what we pass on to our children; it will endure when all else has passed away. Teach them to walk by the Spirit.

OPENING HYMN

Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit #181 (v.1-3)

- 1 Come, oh, come, life-giving Spirit, God from all eternity!
May your power never fail us; Dwell within us constantly.
Then shall truth and life and light Banish all the gloom of night.
- 2 Show us, Lord, the path of blessing; When we trespass on our way,
Cast, O Lord, our sins behind you And be with us day by day.
Should we stray, O Lord, recall; Work repentance when we fall.
- 3 With our spirit, Lord, bear witness That we are the saints of God
Who rely upon him solely When we're chastened by the rod;
For we know, as children should, That the cross is for our good.

Please stand

INVOCATION

Minister: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

OPENING LITANY

M: Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

C: Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths.

M: I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

C: Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths.

M: My soul will boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

C: Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you give wisdom and knowledge. Help us to study diligently and to grow in all that is good. Support all who teach and all who learn, that together we may know and follow your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Be seated

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 8:10-18 (NIV)

¹⁰When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. ¹²Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ¹⁵He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. ¹⁶He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. ¹⁷You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." ¹⁸But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

***Refrain:* I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.**

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;*
he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me,*
I will call on him as long as I live.

The LORD is gracious and righteous;*
when I was in great need, he saved me.

***Refrain:* I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.**

For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,*
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

How can I repay the LORD*
for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation*
and call on the name of the LORD.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

***Refrain:* I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.**

SECOND LESSON

Galatians 5:16-24 (NIV)

¹⁶So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Jeremiah 15:16 (NIV)

M: Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia.

Please stand

GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19 (NIV)

¹¹Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

¹⁴When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd #508

- 1 Gracious Savior, gentle Shepherd, Children all are dear to you;
May your loving arms enfold them In your care their whole life through.
Gently tend and safely keep them In your mercy strong and true.
- 2 Tender Shepherd, never leave them, Never let them go astray;
By your warning love directed, May they walk the narrow way.
Thus direct them, thus defend them Lest they fall an easy prey.

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- 3 By your holy Word instruct them; Fill their minds with heav'nly light.
By your pow'rful grace convince them Always to approve what's right.
Let them feel your yoke is easy; Let them find your burden light.
- 4 Taught to love the holy praises Which on earth your children sing,
With their lips and hearts, sincerely, Glad thankoff'rings may they bring,
Then with all the saints in glory Join to praise their Lord and King.

SERMON

Text: Galatians 5:16-24

Theme: Walk by the Spirit

Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated

OFFERING

The members of St. Mark's have joined together to spread God's message both in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. You are our guests, and we thank you for giving us the opportunity to share God's Word with you! Those who wish to give an offering may give electronically through our website, scan this QR code, or mail a check to church. Website and mailing addresses are listed at the top of page 1.



INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: God is the source of all wisdom and knowledge. Let us pray for students and teachers.

For all students as they begin this new school year, that the Spirit of God may give them the gifts of wisdom and understanding. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: For teachers, that they may share their knowledge with gentleness, patience, and concern for their students. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: For those who seek knowledge of the things of this world, that they may always pursue God's wisdom. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: For parents, the first teachers of their children, that their faith and love may be an example to us always. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Lord our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. In the past you sent your prophets to teach your Word and to bear witness to your undying love. During this school year send your Spirit on our students and teachers, and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Give them devotion to their studies. Lead them to share with others what they have learned about your great love to our world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Be seated

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision (LAPPY p.18)

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought in the day and the night;
Waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight;
Thou my whole armor and thou my true might;
Thou my soul's shelter and thou my strong tower.
Raise thou me heav'n-ward, great Pow'r of my pow'r.
- 3 Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance now and always;
Thou and thou only the first in my heart;
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 4 High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Please stand

BLESSING

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit #181 (v.4-5)

- 4 Prompt us, Lord, to come before him With a childlike heart to pray;
Sigh for us, O Holy Spirit, When we know not what to say.
Then our prayer is not in vain, And our faith new strength shall gain.

- 5 Grant our hearts in fullest measure Wisdom, counsel, purity,
That we always strive to please you, Working for you willingly.
Let the gospel spread and grow, Bringing Satan's overthrow.



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